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Re: Docket # 98N-1038, "Irradiation in the Production, Processing and Handling of Food"

To Whom It May Concern:

The FDA should retain the current labeling law and not let it expire. Current terminology of "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation" and the use of the radura should be used on the front of the packages and of course the labels should be clearly visible. No misleading terms should be used. All irradiated food should be labeled. The absence of labels would be very misleading. We as consumers have the right to know if irradiation has been used in the handling of our food. Studies indicate that irradiation destroys some nutrients and creates detrimental changes in the quality of food. We want to have the choice of purchasing non-irradiated foods.

Yours truly,

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